SUBJECT No. 183.

Remission of Land Revenue.

Messrs. S. Nagarajiah, Sirnivaspur Taluk; H. Krishnamurthiachar, Mulbagal Taluk; G. Ramappa, Srinivaspur Taluk; K. Ramanna, Sidlaghatta Taluk and P. Seenappa, Bagepalli Taluk.

Mr. Nagarajiah pleaded for the introduction of the Madras Rules regarding the remission of land revenue as the existing Rules framed on the Bombay model were not working satisfactorily, particularly in Kolar, Bangalore and Chitaldrug Districts where the lands mainly depended for irrigation from Government channels.

The *Dewan* pointed out that the remission rules at present in force in the State were introduced only last year and it was too soon to think of changing them now without giving them a longer trial. He added that Government would be glad to adopt relief measures whenever there was distress prevailing.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Abolition of the Irrigation Cess.

Messrs. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk, and H. Krishna Sastri, Krisharajpete Taluk.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao pointed out that, while it would be justifiable to levy irrigation cess on lands irrigated through Government channels, it would be hard to levy the cess on lands irrigated from rain water and wells sunk at the owners' cost. He added that whatever justification there might be for the levy of this cess before the introduction of re-settlement in a taluk, it was altogether hard to levy the same after levying increased rates of assessment during the re-settlement. He concluded by saying that what he was asking was not for the remission of assessment already paid in more than 30 taluks where this cess was levied after re-settlement but for an assurance not to levy this again in future.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry pleaded for the abolition of the irrigation cess on dry bagayet lands.

The Dewan replied that the Government were in sympathy with this representation but as this was a case of foregoing existing revenues, the question would receive consideration as early as possible.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Power of suspending village officers should be exercised by the Deputy Commissioners only.

Messrs. Chandagal Appajaiya, Yedatore Taluk and H. Krishna Sastri, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry pleaded that the power of suspending village officers should be left to be exercised by the Deputy Commissioners and not allowed to be exercised by the Amildars as is the case at present.

The Dewan wanted to know if there were many cases in which this power had been exercised by the Amildars indiscriminately.

Mr. Krishna Sastry stated that since this punishment was of a serious nature, it was best to leave the power to the Deputy Commissioners as better justice would be expected at their hands than at the hands of the Amildars who might very often be guided by other influences.

Per contra another member stated that the present rule was quite all right and that in cases of hardship it was open to the aggrieved parties to appeal to the Deputy Commissioner.

The Dewan promised to make enquiries if there were many cases in which unjust order had been passed by Amildars.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Extension of the time for acceptance of *razinamas*.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry pleaded that the 30th April which was fixed for the acceptance of *razinamas* might be extended till the end of May.

Per contra another member pleaded that there was no necessity to the extension asked for as it would cause great inconvenience to the people of the malnad.